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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2003 in which a shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months was set. A Petition for Extension of Time of one (1) month, i.e., from December 26, 2003 to January 26, 2003 inclusive, is being filed simultaneously herewith.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 6 of this paper.

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